



# Ward Circle

## Summary of Public Comments

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# Public Meeting Info

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- Thursday, November 17, 2016
  - Horace Mann Elementary
  - Approximately 30 people in attendance
  - Mainly from Ward 3
  - Community members and residents, ANC Commissioners, Councilmember staff, DC Bicycle Advisory Council member, AU representative, National Park Service representative


# Information Presented

- Overview
- Goals and Objectives
- Existing Conditions
- Previous Studies
- Alternatives
- Next Steps



# Overall Feedback

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- Public comment period was open until February 28, 2017
  - Conducted stakeholder coordination with NPS and WMATA
  - Received comments from ANC commissioners, DC Pedestrian Advisory Council members, AU, citizens association members, residents, students
  - Attended ANC commissioner-led meeting on January 17, 2017
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# Alternative Preference


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- 18 people responded with a preferred alternative, with Alternative 1 (Roundabout) and Alternative 4 (Fully signalized) receiving the majority of votes
- 24 people submitted comments without expressing a preference for any alternative, and instead described issues and problems

# ANC 3D Response

- December 2016 Resolution
  - DDOT data is inadequate and too old, options were presented previously, signalization will increase congestion and cut through traffic
- February 2017 Letter
  - Immediate Term – Improve signage, markings, other tools to aid navigation of the Circle and reduce illegal left turns from Nebraska through lanes
  - Short Term – Signalize Massachusetts Avenue approaches
  - Long Term – Commit to a full redesign of the circle, working with NPS and other stakeholders. Tunneling should be included as an option.
  - Minor Actions
    - More DPW towing of vehicles parked illegally in curbside lane during rush hour
    - Work with WMATA to move Metrobus stops on Nebraska away from the circle
    - Following implementation, evaluate impacts after six months and again after a year

# Main takeaways from comments

- Concerns about impacts on traffic flow
  - Need to prevent illegal left turns
  - Signalize Massachusetts Avenue at the circle, although some viewed this as an interim solution
  - Some interest in redesign of circle to provide pedestrian access to central green spaces
  - Improved signage, markings, and lighting are needed
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# Comments on signage/markings

- Install signs/markings before circle and in the through lanes
- Use large overhead lit-up signs
- Mark large arrows and words (“no turns”) in lanes along with signs
- Move signs for better visibility, and to give drivers the chance to move into the correct lane (some signs come too late)
- Some signs give incorrect or unclear directions

# Other comments

- Request MPD to install automated enforcement – no left turn camera, speed camera, red light camera
- Widen sidewalks to improve bike commuting
- DDOT's traffic counts don't show how many illegal lefts are being made
- Repave the streets more often
- Increase police presence
- Encourage pedestrians to cross Massachusetts Avenue away from the circle
- Eliminate all signals to make it a “true roundabout”